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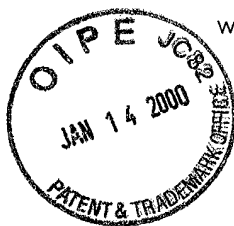
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In Re Application of Ellen M. Heath, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/241,636

Filed: February 2, 1999

Attorney Docket No. 5253

For: PROCESSES FOR ISOLATING, AMPLIFYING
AND CHARACTERIZING DNA

Dear Madam and/or Sir:

On behalf of Ellen M. Heath, *et al.*, enclosed please find a Response to Office Action dated July 14, 1999.

Please deduct \$190.00 to cover the cost of the filing fees for a three-month extension of time from Ropes & Gray's Deposit Account No. 18-1945.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed materials by (i) date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to the waiting messenger, and (ii) returning by first-class mail the enclosed postage-paid postcard stamped with Serial No. 09/241,636 assigned to the Response.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
5253

In Re Application Of: Ruth M. SHUMAN et al.

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extent the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 14, 1999 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month

☐ Two months

☒ Three months

☐ Five months

from: October 14, 1999
Date

until: January 14, 2000
Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

☐ is enclosed.

☒ Has already been filed in this application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

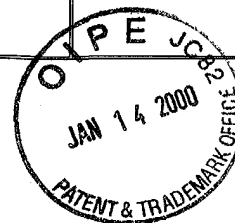
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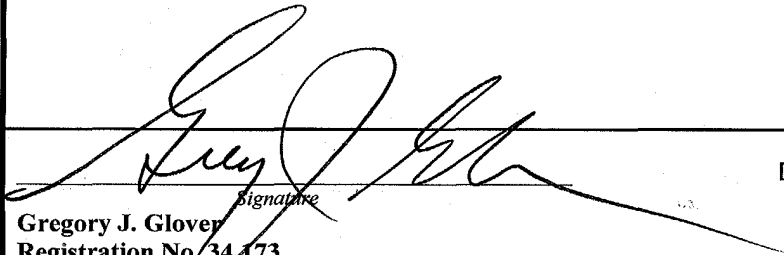
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